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Chief, Geographic Research

Review of Proposed Revision of ORR Regulation 10-25, "Security  
Concurrences and Clearances"

1. In response to your request to have my comments concerning the proposed regulation committed to paper, the following is submitted for your consideration:

a. The proposed regulation is extremely detailed and probably provides for every contingency which may arise in these two areas of activity. Because of this length and coverage, I feel that the regulation is somewhat complex and could probably be simplified to a considerable degree by removing from it much of the internal St/A - St/I SOP. It is felt that an employee would spend considerable time looking for the information in the regulation to determine precisely what he should do under a given circumstance of getting concurrence or clearance. I would suggest that our people need a simple statement of the activities which require a security check (fine distinctions between "concurrences" and "clearances" are no concern of his), and who he should contact about them at a given time in advance of his requirement.

b. I feel that the whole security concurrence and clearance situation could be clarified considerably if ORR had a single responsible official to handle all kinds of security matters. Certainly, such an officer -- having sufficient authority vested in him -- could act on his own in clearance matters and could contact people directly within the Agency and officials outside the Agency concerning concurrences. This would simplify the approaches made by a great number of people working toward clearances or concurrences. Requests could be oral or written in simple form and direct responses to requests could be obtained, without going through the burdensome channels as outlined in the proposed regulation.

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2. Concerning the regulation in its proposed revised form, there are several questions which should be asked about certain provisions:

a. One question applies in several places in the regulation and is this: "Are the security requirements different when travel is paid for by the Agency vs. private individual travel?"

b. It seems odd that St/I should get involved in travel approval. It is realized that their only function is to obtain concurrence, but I feel that this should be accomplished in some other fashion.

c. In regard to paragraph (3)(d) on page 8, I question the authority of Chief, St/A, to determine the appropriateness of authorizing official duty status. It seems to me that the function of Chief, St/A, would be to determine the appropriateness of official duty status for a given mission in cooperation with the line of command -- unless, of course, he is acting for the AD/RR in this regard.

3. In summary, I feel that significant improvement could be made by a conscious effort to shorten the draft regulation and simplify the organization and presentation by whatever means possible.

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